

106TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

**S. 2722**

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**AN ACT**

To authorize the award of the Medal of Honor to Ed W.  
Freeman, James K. Okubo, and Andrew J. Smith.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. AUTHORITY TO AWARD MEDAL OF HONOR TO**  
2 **ED W. FREEMAN, JAMES K. OKUBO, AND AN-**  
3 **DREW J. SMITH.**

4 (a) INAPPLICABILITY OF TIME LIMITATIONS.—Not-  
5 withstanding the time limitations in section 3744(b) of  
6 title 10, United States Code, or any other time limitation,  
7 the President may award the Medal of Honor under sec-  
8 tion 3741 of such title to the persons specified in sub-  
9 section (b) for the acts specified in that subsection, the  
10 award of the Medal of Honor to such persons having been  
11 determined by the Secretary of the Army to be warranted  
12 in accordance with section 1130 of such title.

13 (b) PERSONS ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE THE MEDAL OF  
14 HONOR.—The persons referred to in subsection (a) are  
15 the following:

16 (1) Ed W. Freeman, for conspicuous acts of  
17 gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life and  
18 beyond the call of duty on November 14, 1965, as  
19 flight leader and second-in-command of a helicopter  
20 lift unit at landing zone X-Ray in the Battle of the  
21 Ia Drang Valley, Republic of Vietnam, during the  
22 Vietnam War, while serving in the grade of Captain  
23 in Alpha Company, 229th Assault Helicopter Bat-  
24 talion, 101st Cavalry Division (Airmobile).

25 (2) James K. Okubo, for conspicuous acts of  
26 gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life and

1 beyond the call of duty on October 28 and 29, and  
2 November 4, 1944, at Foret Domaniale de Champ,  
3 near Biffontaine, France, during World War II,  
4 while serving as an Army medic in the grade of  
5 Technician Fifth Grade in the medical detachment,  
6 442d Regimental Combat Team.

7 (3) Andrew J. Smith, for conspicuous acts of  
8 gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life and  
9 beyond the call of duty on November 30, 1864, in  
10 the Battle of Honey Hill, South Carolina, during the  
11 Civil War, while serving as a corporal in the 55th  
12 Massachusetts Voluntary Infantry Regiment.

13 (c) POSTHUMOUS AWARD.—The Medal of Honor may  
14 be awarded under this section posthumously, as provided  
15 in section 3752 of title 10, United States Code.

16 (d) PRIOR AWARD.—The Medal of Honor may be  
17 awarded under this section for service for which a Silver  
18 Star, or other award, has been awarded.

Passed the Senate June 13, 2000.

Attest:

*Secretary.*



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